

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/561,925

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/11/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 15-19 and 21-26.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION**Response to Amendments**

Applicant's amendments filed on 10/11/07 has been carefully considered. As a result of canceling claims 14 and 20 and amending claims 15, 17, 19, 21 and 26, rejections made in the previous office action have been overcome.

Drawings

The drawing number 2 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because they fail to show details of each element (label each element number shown on the drawing) as described in the specification. Any structural detail that is essential for a proper understanding of the disclosed invention should be shown in the drawing. MPEP § 608.02(d). Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the

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changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Since the application is in the allowance condition, the new drawing is required prior to issue payment made.

Specification

The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 15-19 and 21-16 are allowable.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claim 15 is allowed over the prior art of record. The prior art considered individually or in combination fails to teach or suggest claimed method comprising, among other limitations, a novel and unobvious limitation of "defining a threshold value for the length of said codewords, wherein said threshold value partitions said codewords in short and long codewords, respectively; and decoding at least said short codewords by means of a lookup process against a respective lookup table whose entries are selected to correspond to the extended codewords in said signed decoding codebook" structurally and functionally interconnected with other limitations in the manner cited in the claims and dependent claims 16-19.

Claim 21 is allowed over the prior art of record. The prior art considered individually or in combination fails to teach or suggest claimed system comprising, among other limitations, a novel and unobvious limitation of "memory comprises stored data items defining a respective lookup table whose entries are selected to correspond to the extended codewords in said signed decoding codebook; and said processing unit is configured for: defining a threshold value for the length of said codewords, wherein said threshold value partitions said codewords in short and long codewords, respectively, and decoding at least said short codewords by means of a lookup process against said respective lookup table" structurally and functionally interconnected with other limitations in the manner cited in the claims and dependent claims 22-25.

Claim 26 is allowed over the prior art of record. The prior art considered individually or in combination fails to teach or suggest claimed computer program stored on readable medium and execute by a processor comprising, among other limitations, a novel and unobvious limitation of " defining a threshold value for the length of said codewords, wherein said threshold value partitions said codewords in short and long codewords, respectively; and decoding at least said short codewords by means of a lookup process against a respective lookup table whose entries are selected to correspond to the extended codewords in said signed decoding codebook" structurally and functionally interconnected with other limitations in the manner as cited in the claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should

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preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled

"Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Cited References

The prior art made of record and not replied upon is considered pertinent to application's disclosures. The cited references relate to instant application subjected matter.

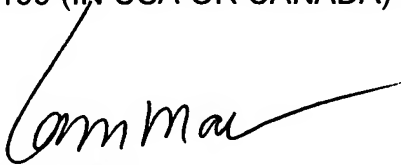
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LAM T. MAI whose telephone number is (571)272-1807. The examiner can normally be reached on 5:30 am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Barnie Rexford can be reached on (571) 272-7492. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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